

REMARKS

Claims 15, 16, 20-23 and 28 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Power; and claims 17-19 and 24-26 have been rejected under 35 US 103(a) as unpatentable over various combinations of Power, Polikaitis and Wu. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

None of the applied references, either alone or in combination, disclose preparing an n-best list and allocating to each word of the n-best list a difference between the average word volume of individual spoken words and the average silence volume, and determining the word to be inserted into the text from the n-best list according to a criterion of the difference between the average volume of the individual spoken words and the average silence volume, as required by amended claims 15 and 28 (which incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 27, now canceled).

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no.449122015600.

However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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